

MINUTES
City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board
MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE
September 11, 2007

The Hilton Hotel – Sorrento Room
1100 East Mission Bay Dr
San Diego, CA 92109

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Developed Regional Parks
2125 Park Blvd.
Attn: Mission Bay Park Manager
San Diego, CA 92101

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>
Rick Bussell		Stacey LoMedico
Bill Bushe		Susan Gonzales
Mike Duckor		Sharon Knutson
Monica Fuentes		Paul Jacob
Pam Glover		Lori Charett-Gerbac
Jim Greene		
Karl Jaedtke		
Mort McCarthy		
Richard Miller		
Billy Paul		
Donald Peterson		
Gregg Peterson		
Jeton Prince		
Judy Swink		
Jarl Turner		

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Rick Bussell called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the July 10, 2007 were not approved due to a need to recheck information regarding agenda items. Revision is listed below:

9-11-07 Revision to July 10, 2007 minutes: Chairperson Bussell discussed with the committee changing the placement of **Communication Items** on the meeting agenda. It was discussed by the committee members whether to move the **Communication Items** to the end of the agenda or to leave them at the beginning where they are now. A “for” vote was taken by committee members with three voting yes to leave the **Communication Items** at the beginning of the agenda, where they are now; A “for” vote was taken by committee member with five voting yes to move **Communication Items** to the end of the agenda. It was decided by the Chairperson to move the **Communication Items** to the end of the agenda for tonight’s meeting.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

It was requested by Carolyn Chase to move to continuance Item #301, Fiesta Island General

Development Plan Approval.

MSF IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND FAILED FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF ITEM #301 – FIESTA ISLAND GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPROVAL TO THE OCTOBER 2, 2007 MEETING OF THE MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE (PAUL/ MILLER / 8-5-1)

It was to moved to continue Item #302, to establish four standing sub-committees/Finance, Permits, Environmental and Safety-Security to the November 2007 meeting of the Mission Bay Park Committee.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF ITEM # 302 TO ESTABLISH FOUR STANDING SUB-COMMITTEES/ FINANCE, PERMITS, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY-SECURITY TO THE NOVEMBER 2007 MEETING OF THE MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE. (GLOVER / JAEDTKE 12-2)

It was to moved to continue Item #401 Clean Marinas California to the January 2008 meeting of the Mission Bay Park Committee.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF ITEM #401 CLEAN MARINAS CALIFORNIA TO THE JANUARY 2008 MEETING OF THE MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE. (DUCKOR / SWINK / 8-5)

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

In the interest of time, Chairperson Rick Bussell will give the Chairperson's Report at the October 2007 meeting.

STAFF REPORT

Susan Gonzales, Mission Bay Park District Manager, introduced Lori Charett-Gerbac, the new Senior Park Ranger for Mission Bay Park. Susan spoke of the recent release of the Light Footed Clapper Rail into the San Diego River site. Susan also mentioned the vacant Open Space Director position and that Mission Bay Park has gone three months without any closures for high bacteria counts in the bay.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Nancy Perry, Meredith Alcott, James Shiney and Nicole Thompson, all from ZLAC, spoke about reducing the dangers for rowers and swimmers on Sail Bay. They also spoke about boating safety issues and would like to have a workshop to share information with other Mission Bay Park water users. ZLAC would also like to have additional lifeguards, buoys and to change the times when wake-boarders would be able to use the area.
2. Carolyn Chase of the Sierra Club spoke of the upcoming Greenbelt Tour.
3. Billy Paul of the Mission Bay Park Committee spoke of the inadequate cueing area for the RV dump site.
4. Monica Fuentes of the Mission Bay Park Committee reminded all of the San Diego Coastal Clean-up on Saturday, September 15, 2007.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REVIEW –

2007 Walk for Food Allergy- Dina Glaze: Ms. Glaze came to the Mission Bay Park Committee seeking approval to have a 300 watt PA system at their walk on October 7, 2007 at De Anza Cove.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2007 WALK FOR FOOD ALLERGY'S USE OF A 300 WATT PA SYSTEM FOR ANNOUNCEMENT PURPOSES ONLY AT THIS EVENT.

(JAEDTKE / GLOVER / 14-0)

2. National Psoriasis Walk for Awareness- Cristy Boisvert: Ms. Boisvert came to the Mission Bay Park Committee seeking approval to have amplification at the National Psoriasis Walk for Awareness – San Diego on September 29, 2007 at De Anza Cove.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF AMPLIFICATION AS IT APPLIES FOR A PA SYSTEM FOR ANNOUNCEMENT PURPOSES ONLY AT THIS EVENT.

(JAEDTKE /GLOVER/14-0)

3. Lymphoma Research Foundation Walk-a-Thon- Deanna Roberts: Ms. Roberts came to the Mission Bay Park Committee seeking approval for amplification at the Lymphoma Research Foundation wanted to have the Mission Bay Park Committee approve the use of amplification at their October 20, 2007 walk in the De Anza Cove area.

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF AMPLIFICATION AS IT APPLIES FOR A PA SYSTEM FOR ANNOUNCEMENT PURPOSES ONLY AT THIS EVENT.

(JAEDTKE /GLOVER 14-0)

WORKSHOP ITEMS

101. None

ACTION ITEMS

Consent

201. None

Adoption

301. Fiesta Island General Development Plan approval – Paul Jacob and Mike Singleton.

Paul Jacob, Park and Recreation Associate Engineer, stated that the current project started in late 2005 with consultant KTU&A. Early indicators of potential changes to the original plan were:

- User groups that have become established on the island since the Master Plan was adopted
- The Stony Point Least Tern Preserve at the southwestern tip of the island hosted large numbers of nesting terns for the first time in recent memory.

- Biological surveys indicated the presence of sensitive plant species that were not accounted for in the Master Plan General. Public sentiment favored a less intensive approach to developing the island than presented in the master plan.

Paul also explained that several concept alternatives were developed and reviewed through the Mission Bay Park Committee, public workshops, nearby area community planning groups, and direct solicitation of public input through a project website.

Mike Singleton gave a power point presentation reflecting major changes between Plan 4D and Plan 4G. Mike also went over the various beach/shoreline areas and explained why each one was either chosen or not chosen for the project. The differences between natural and regional parks were also explained. Campground areas will stay “no dogs”. Mike continued with the power point presentation showing various ways of getting on and around the island; how various roadways can be used, i.e. multi-use paths; and, the various paths criss-crossing the island, but not crossing roadways. The majority of trails will not be concrete but instead a DG product. In answer to questions about changing the “whole” island, Mike showed the areas that have been changed due to non-native plant growth, natural habitats and the ones that haven’t, ie OTL area, and the Scout Camp area. Mike also gave a brief overview of funding for this project and how the project could relate to grant submissions.

Mike spoke about the phases regarding the development of Fiesta Island in the order that they are proposed to happen:

1. Move sand management area
2. Stoney Point and beach area; grade and use filler for Tecolote Shores
3. Native species establishment and exotics removal
4. Leash free area
5. North end dredging; road and gate control
6. South Central area

In summary, Mike noted that the plan protects and enhances water quality, accommodates current users groups, and makes allowances for future growth.

Committee questions/answers and comments are as follows:

- Sand pit area will need to be checked and compared/contrasted regarding sand management practices. The eucalyptus trees on the island will be removed as they are an invasive species and good perches for raptors near the Least Tern nesting areas.
- A question regarding the roadway as it is on the plan was explained by showing various other areas and the impact having roadways in these areas would have on general traffic flow and shoreline use.
- A plan, such as the GDP, is needed to be in place prior to seeking funding and/or bond measures for a project.
- The timeline and the process for the Fiesta Island General Development Plan is six months to go to the Design Review Committee, the Park and Recreation Board, and the Environmental Review Board
- The leash free dog swimming areas were pointed out as were the difference between a swimming area for dogs and for human use only with sites in Mission Bay being pointed out as used by humans. Wading only not allowed in non-swimming areas.

- It was noted that dogs were not mentioned in the 1994 Mission Bay Master Plan and that the use of the island changes and will change again.
- Comments were made about the work that has gone into the plan and up-dates to the plan.
- The cost for maintenance stands up to other major capital projects but no figures are available yet for operating costs.
- Questions were answered regarding the Hidden Anchorage area and swimming/boating activities such as the speed limits in the non-ski areas.
- The difference between the two types of dredging activities in Mission Bay was explained as 1) deep water dredging, the type of dredging that would be used as a maintenance item; and 2) shoreline dredging which is done on an “as needed” basis.

Communications on Item #301:

**MSF IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND NOT CARRIED TO LIMIT FIDO GROUP PRESENTATION TO FIVE MINUTES AND ALL OTHER SPEAKER SLIPS TO ONE MINUTE EACH.
(JAEDTKE/PETERSON, D. 5-9)**

1. Karen Madden: of FIDO, spoke for ten members and voiced concerns regarding eliminating roads and parking lots; moving the paddle boat storage to South Shores; Locate swimming beaches elsewhere; locate bocce ball courts, tot-lot and other single use activities to Northwest corner. FIDO would also like to maintain access to Hidden Anchorage when skiers are not there; and maintain access to south and western end. FIDO would also like all of Fiesta Island to be off-leash when there is no conflict with other groups.
2. Les Hopper representing the paddling community, Outrigger Clubs, San Diego Dragonboats, and San Diego Canoe and Kayak Clubs, gave a power point presentation and spoke for four audience members representing the various canoe/outrigger and kayak clubs. He informed the committee and public that the various clubs have been forced to move frequently due to no allotted space. The boats are heavy and must be carried. Restrooms on the island would be nice. The clubs need a permanent home to support hundreds of paddlers. They use the waters in off-peak hours; request a small area and they are also dog owners. They are in favor of the 4G plan.
3. Bruce Baxley said Fiesta Island should be shared resources with responsible community use.
4. Florence Sloan of The Sporting Dog Council of San Diego does not support the 4G plan.
5. Sara Hayes of FIDO, spoke against the road on Fiesta Island. She said the use of the island is not equal.
6. Harriett King of FIDO asked to use policies already in place.
7. Pauline White of the San Diego County Veterinary Medical Association favors large off leash areas.
8. Gordon Parham, a longtime resident of San Diego, supports the joint use of island.
9. Dr. Kay Henderson of The Del Sur Kennel Club, spoke for a group of equestrians and dog owners.
10. Julie Hamilton of the San Diego Cyclo-Vets, spoke in favor of limited use of vehicles on Fiesta Island roads.
11. Jim Peugh of The San Diego Audubon Society, would like to see the Environmental Impact Report and would also like to reduce grass areas.

12. Carolyn Chase of the Sierra Club, SDCBC and Walk San Diego, would like to see access for more people and less vehicles. Ms. Chase also has questions regarding litter in the sand management area.

Committee Member questions/comments:

- Concerns about the sand management.
- Concerns with how the off-leash areas are being dealt with.
- Number of concerns with where the road goes.
- Impressed with the show of the different use groups
- Concerns with the boats and where to put them
- Moving this forward does not mean it is cast in concrete

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE FIESTA ISLAND GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 4G AS PRESENTED.

(JAEDTKE/PETERSON D. 9-5)

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED TO RECOMMEND THE FIESTA ISLAND GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN RETURN TO THE MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE AFTER THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE.

(JAEDTKE/PETERSON D. 9-5)

INFORMATION ITEMS

401. Sea World's electronic waste recycling event-Julie Byford, Environmental Co-coordinator- Sea World. Julie gave a short informational item about the latest recycling event at Sea World on September 15, 2007. The last event was very successful.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED AND CARRIED TO RECOMMEND TABLING THE SUB-COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE, OCTOBER 2, 2007.

(GLOVER/PETERSON G. 12-2)

- 501. Finance
- 502. Park Use
- 503. Permit
- 504. Least Tern Nesting Sites

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORTS

- **Chairperson** - Rick Bussel
- **Lessee Hotel Representative** – Jim Greene
- **Council District 6 Representative** – Monica Fuentes
- **Mission Beach Planning Board** - Pam Glover
- **Council District 2 Representative** – Karl Jaedtke
- **Lessee Other Than Hotel** – Mort McCarthy
- **Environmental Organization - Sierra Club** - Richard Miller
- **Member at Large** – Gregg Peterson
- **Member at Large** – Mike Dukor
- **Stakeholder OMBAC** – Don Peterson

- **Ocean Beach Planning Board** - Bill Bushe
- **Clairemont Mesa Planning Group** – Billy Paul
- **Council District 2 Representative** – Judy Swink
- **Pacific Beach Community Planning Committee** – Jeton Prince
- **Council District 2 Representative** - Jarl Turner

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 P.M.

Next regular meeting:

October 2, 2007
 Santa Clara Point Recreation Center
 1008 Santa Clara Place
 San Diego, CA 92109

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gonzales
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 Staff Representative